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SUBJECT: ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL REPORT TO GOVERNING BODY ON
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1. EMBASSY LABOR ATTACHE MET WITH NIGEL FORWARD, UNDER SECRETARY, OVERSEAS DEPARTMENT, DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT, ON OCTOBER 26 (WE WERE UNABLE TO REACH HIM EARLIER) AND MADE THE DEMARCHE CONCERNING THE ARAB-ISRAEL ISSUE AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL.

2. WE EMPHASIZED IN OUR TALKS WITH FORWARD THE IMPORTANCE OF THE PRINCIPLE INVOLVED AND REFERRED TO THE U.S. LETTER OF INTENT TO WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO WHICH CITED VIOLATION OF DUE PROCESS, OF WHICH THE RESOLUTION CONDEMNING ISRAEL IS ILLUSTRATIVE. FORWARD SAID THAT THE UK FULLY SHARED OUR CONCERN AND IS AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS ISSUE IN RELATION TO THE BASIC CRITICISM OF ILO DEVELOPMENTS AS VIEWED BY THE U.S. HE SAID THAT THE UK SHARED THE U.S. GOAL IN HAVING THE ISSUE END WITH THE SUBMISSION OF THE ILO DIRECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT BUT HAD NOT YET DECIDED THE MOST EFFICACIOUS METHOD OF ACHIEVING THIS RESULT. HE ALSO SAID IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR HIM TO TAKE UP OUR DEMARCHE WITH HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE FCO AND WOULD INFORM US OF THE RESULTS.

3. WITH THE DISCRETIONARY PERMISSION INDICATED IN REFTEL, WE ENCOURAGED FORWARD TO DISCUSS THE ISSUE WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS, PARTICULARLY THOSE IN THE THIRD WORLD. FORWARD SAID THAT THIS, TOO, WOULD BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISEMENT, BUT HE WONDERED WHETHER THE U.S. HAD IN MIND SPECIFIC COUNTRIES TOWARDS WHICH THE BRITISH MIGHT FOCUS THEIR PERSUASIVE EFFORTS. FORWARD QUERIED US AS TO WHETHER THE UPSAL MISSION HAS BEEN POSTPONED OR CANCELLED. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE IN RESPONSE TO THESE QUESTIONS.

4. EMBASSY WILL REPORT THE RESULTS OF FORWARD'S CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FCO AS SOON AS THEY ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO US.

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